

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR GTSAC 12-17-04

MSP is the Lead Agency unless otherwise noted

Speed Limits

HB 5944 (Rep. Palmer)**MDOT Lead**

Allows a township to reduce speed limit to 25 miles per hour on unpaved roads within the township if an investigation finds the speed limit is greater than is reasonable or safe under the road conditions.

Passed House, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

Restraints / Passenger Safety

HB 4325 (Rep. Drolet)**DCH Lead**

Provides exceptions for requirement of wearing a crash helmet on a motorcycle if person is 21 years of age or older, has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for not less than two years and has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course.

Passed House, Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

Truck Length/Width/Weight

HB 4358 (Rep. DeRossett)**MDOT Lead**

Increases truck length limit to 65 feet from 59 feet and changes fine structure for weight violations.

Public Act 420 of 2004

SB 736 (Sen. Jelinek)**MDOT Lead**

Limits width restriction for flatbed trailers at 102 inches, includes them in the width restriction for a bus, trailer coach, motor home, and camper.

Passed Senate and House, Bill Enrolled on 12/9/04

Miscellaneous

HB 4231 (Rep. Koetje)

Establish the abandoned vehicle fund, create a civil infraction offense of abandoning a motor vehicle, provide for Secretary of State involvement in notification requirements regarding abandoned vehicles, and provide for more streamlined process for disposing of abandoned vehicles. Amend provisions dealing with automobile dealers and hazardous material transporters.

Passed House and Senate, Bill Enrolled on 12/9/04

HB 5364 (Rep. Daniels)

Establish record keeping requirements for the seller of a motor vehicle. Create a method that allows towing agencies to seek remuneration for costs incurred from towing and storing abandoned vehicles. Establish requirements for private property business owners before they are permitted to request vehicles be towed for parking against the wishes of the property owner.

Passed House and Senate, Bill Enrolled on 12/9/04

SB 1171 (Sen. Van Woerkom)

Include abandoned vehicles in definition of litter.

Passed House and Senate, Bill Enrolled on 12/9/04

SB 1329 (Sen. Allen)**MDOT Lead**

Allows operation of snowmobiles on right-of-way of limited access highways.

Passed House and Senate, Bill Enrolled on 12/9/04